Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A method for performing a postprocessing with respect to an image forming member on which an image is to be formed, the method comprising:

receiving image data and instruction for attaching a storage medium;

forming an image on an image forming member based on the received image data;

stapling a staple needle, attaching to which a storage medium is attached, to the image forming member on which image formation has been started, started; and

writing the received image data into the storage medium.

~~wherein attaching comprises stapling a staple needle to a single image forming member.~~

16.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium is attached to the image forming member after a process of transferring the image onto the image forming member.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium is attached to the image forming member after a process of fixing the image onto the image forming member.

18-22. (Canceled)

23.   (New) A method for performing a postprocessing with respect to an image forming member, the method comprising:

receiving image data and instruction for attaching a storage medium;

forming an image on the image forming member based on the received image data;

stapling a staple needle, to which a storage medium is attached, to the image forming member on which image formation has been started;

sending the image data;

receiving recording position information of the image data; and

writing the received recording position information into the storage medium attached to the staple needle, which has been stapled to the image forming member.

24. (New) An image forming method comprising:

reading data stored in a storage medium attached to a staple needle, wherein an image forming member formed with an image thereon is stapled with the staple needle;

acquiring image data in accordance with the data read from the storage medium, wherein the image data corresponds to the image formed on the image forming member; and

forming the image on another image forming member based on the acquired image data.

25. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium comprises an electronic storage device.

26. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein the storage medium comprises an electronic storage device.

27. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein the storage medium comprises an electronic storage device.